Financial Package to SSI Sector

*257. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the sickness in the Small Scale Industry Sector;

(b) how many Small Scale Units have been closed down in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the manner in which Government plan to revive these sick units;

(d) whether there is any financial package for revival of these units; and

(e) if so, the amount allocated for this purpose by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Data on closed units are not maintained centrally. The Reserve Bank of India which compiles data on Sickness in Small Scale Industries (SSI) does not maintain data on closed small scale industries. However, as per the latest data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India, the number of sick small scale industries at the end of March, 1998, 1999 and 2000 were 221536, 306221 and 304235 respectively. The State-wise data on sick small scale industries are given in Statement *(See* below).

(c) The Government is fully seized of the problem of industrial sickness amongst the SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industries, which *inter alia,* includes institutional mechanism in the form of State Level Inter Institutional Committees, special rehabilitation cells in banks and State financial institutions and elaborate guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Further, with a view to strengthen the SSI sector and enhance its competitiveness

both domestically and globally, the Government has announced a Comprehensive Policy Package which consists of *inter alia* enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructural and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.

(d) and (e) The Government does not provide any financial assistance to the States/UTs for rehabilitation of sick small scale industries (SSIs). Financial assistance to SSI including for the rehabilitation of sick SSIs, is provided in the country by the Primary Lending Institutions (PLIs) including the Commercial Banks. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has, however, a refinance scheme for the PLIs in respect of financial assistance extending by them for rehabilitation of sick SSI units.

Statement

Number of sick small scale industries
(State/UT-Wise)

State/Union Territory	At the end of March, 1998	At the end of March, 1999	At the end of March, 2000
Assam	15774	10586	11445
Meghalaya	4076	447	528
Mizoram	615	40	41
Bihar	24935	26293	26909
Arunachal Pradesh	456	116	120
West Bengal	53617	146182	143893
Nagaland	1386	166	168
Manipur	1919	5237	5577
Orissa	1889	10134	7444
Sikkim	33	28	25
Tripura	2011	6914	7170
Andaman & Nicobar	45	25	31
Uttar Pradesh	14294	17320	21235
Delhi	3580	3789	3309
Punjab	2376	3551	1897
Haryana	2149	3180	2952
Chandigarh	163	187	156
Jammu & Kashmir	1627	630	2002
Himachal Pradesh	735	1103	893
Rajasthan	15655	12835	7560

State/Union Territory	At the end of March, 1998	At the end of March, 1999	At the end of March, 2000
Gujarat	6808	4170	5928
Maharashtra	17925	13373	9115
Daman & Diu	5	13	10
Goa	670	216	161
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2	24	46
Madhya	8348	6808	6072
Andhra Pradesh	12074	6260	12461
Karnataka	6680	4342	5416
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	12289	11408	11602
Kerala		10074	9017
Pondicherry	431	770	1052
TOTAL	221536	306221	304235

Source: RBI

Agricultural workers in Jharkhand

*258. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey about the existing agricultural workers in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the welfare measures, if any, Government have initiated for these agricultural workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No such survey has been conducted.

(c) The Government has enacted the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 to protect the interests of workers including agricultural workers. A social security scheme 'Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana-200r has also been launched in two districts of Jharkhand along with other states in the country, covering 5000 agricultural workers from each district this year. The scheme envisages providing Life-cum-accident insurance, money-back, pension & superannuation benefits. Other schemes for the rural workers including agricultural workers like Pradhan Mantri